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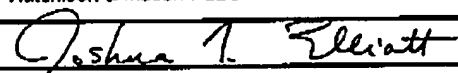
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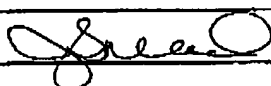
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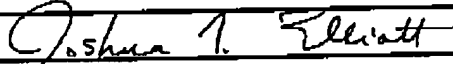
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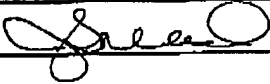
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Application No.: 10/024,143

Group Art Unit: 1615

Filing Date: December 21, 2001

Examiner: Jyothsna A. Venkat

Title: Biocompatible Polymers and  
Adhesives: Compositions, Methods of  
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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed March 29, 2005, Applicants submit the following response in order to supply the omission from the Response dated December 15, 2004.

The Office Communication mailed March 29, 2005 indicates that Applicants did not elect the species belonging to the therapeutic agent. In reply thereto, Applicants now elect anti-inflammatory agents as the species of therapeutic agent.

Applicants note that only claims 1-23 are pending in the application. Claims 24-151 were cancelled in a preliminary amendment dated December 21, 2001 submitted with the application.

The claims from Group II readable upon the elected species are claims 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 12, and 23. At least claims 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, and 23 from Group II are generic to the elected species.

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Response Dated: April 29, 2005  
Reply to Office Action Dated: March 29, 2005

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